

## Farrell G. Spencer Story

Farrell G. Spencer was born in Milan, Missouri. He joined the Civil Conservation Corp. in Oct. 1935. He went with them to Mound City for 3 months. Then he was transferred in Jan. 1936 to Manilla, Daggett Co. Utah. He served in Brown's Park, Hickenson Park, Pallisade Park etc.

From here he went with 30 men to Muddy River Nevada. Among those men were Fred Hamby, Fred North. This spot was located north of Las Vegas (between Las Vegas and Mesquite). They set up camp for a group of New Yorker CCC's. These 30 men stayed only 30 days.

Thence "Spence" was sent to Huntsville, Utah up Ogden Canyon on the Pineview Dam Site for 3 months.

From Huntsville this group moved to Heber City in the Fall of 1937 and set up camp on Thomas MacNaughton lot on about 750 South Main Street in Heber. Here "Spence" did welding, mechanical work and welded on Caterpillar Tractors, in the shop there.

In 1938 "Spence" joined Storm McDonald and did body and fender work, and painting on Chevrolet automobiles.

In 1941, Spence left Heber Motor and went to the Seattle Tacoma Ship building Yards and welded and help build ships for 2 years.

In 1943, Spence left Tacoma Washington and went to Hanford Washington and worked for a subcontractor of the Atomic Energy Commission for 7 months. He felt he was getting nowhere, so he came back to Heber, Utah.

In 1943 he joined the US Navy and served in Guam, Annaweetok, Rota (off Guam) in the South Pacific.

In 1946 he came out of the Navy and worked at Heber Motor till Kent McDonald came out of the Army.

On 7 July 1947 "Spence" opened his own shop on the spot where Spencer Auto now stands. He bought the milk barn off Frank Hicken for \$1100.00 by use of his GI loan and built a building 40' X 60" for \$5000.00. He did body and fender work for a long time.

In 1954 "Spence" took over a dealership in association with Freed Motor of Salt Lake City, Utah. This included Plymouth, DeSoto. He sold Dr. Willard J. Draper a Pink DeSoto in 1955.

In 1960 the DeSoto stopped production, so spence signed a new agreement with Chrysler Company.

In 1961 all dealers went independant and did direct dealing. He continued in Plymouth and Chrysler.

In 1972 Spence took on Dodge Trucks and Imperial so from then on was a "Quad Dealer" in Dodge, Imperial, Plymouth and Chrysler and still is one of the few Quad Dealers in USA.

He gradually bought, bit by bit, the corner he now owns. He bought from Frank Hicken, Eugene Hicken, Roe Lee, Vilate McMillan, and Dan McMillan's widow and from \_\_\_\_\_ Lee on the very corner.

He commented to Dr. Green that every year he had been in business for many years he has had to write off 15 to 20,000 dollars in bad debts.

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Over the years has written off from 15,000 to 20,000 in bad debts in favor of his customers.

As of this writing, he has been in business in the same place from 7 July 1947 to 26 March 1984 or soon to be 37 years.

*1st <sup>RLG</sup> Draft.*



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